

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-729V

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DARLENE STEELE,

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Petitioner,

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Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;  
Tetanus Diphtheria ("Td");  
Shoulder Injury ("SIRVA");  
Special Processing Unit ("SPU")

SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Christine Mary Becer, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

## RULING ON ENTITLEMENT<sup>1</sup>

**Dorsey**, Chief Special Master:

On July 14, 2015, Petitioner filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,<sup>2</sup> [the "Vaccine Act" or "Program"]. Petitioner alleges that she experienced a shoulder injury following administration of her June 10, 2014 Tetanus Diphtheria ("Td") vaccination. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On October 23, 2015, respondent filed her Rule 4(c) report in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent "has concluded that a preponderance of evidence establishes that the injury to petitioner's left shoulder was caused-in-fact by the administration of her June 10, 2014, Td vaccine, and that petitioner's injury is not due to factors unrelated to the administration of the Td vaccine." *Id.* at 3. Respondent further agrees that the statutory six month sequela requirement has been satisfied. *Id.*

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<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

<sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all "§" references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

**In view of respondent's concession and the evidence before me, I find that petitioner is entitled to compensation.**

**s/Nora Beth Dorsey**

Nora Beth Dorsey  
Chief Special Master